

Position Qualification for Public Health, Healthcare, and Emergency Medical Services Medical and Public Health

PATIENT CARE TECHNICIAN

RESOURCE CATEGORY	Medical and Public Health
RESOURCE KIND	Personnel
OVERALL FUNCTION	The Patient Care Technician assists in direct patient care and documents and records patient conditions and treatment
COMPOSITION AND ORDERING SPECIFICATIONS	 This position can be ordered as a single resource. Discuss logistics for deploying this position, such as working conditions, length of deployment, security, lodging, transportation, and meals, prior to deployment

Each type of resource builds on the qualifications of the type below it. For example, Type 1 qualifications include the qualifications in Type 2, plus an increase in capability. Type 1 is the highest qualification level.

COMPONENT	SINGLE TYPE	NOTES
DESCRIPTION	The Patient Care Technician: 1. Assists in direct patient care 2. Documents vital signs, height, weight, input (such as fluid intake), and output (such as elimination or emptying of and measuring nasogastric tubes and catheter collection devices) 3. Reports and records patient conditions and treatments 4. Collects specimens 5. Assists with patient movement and mobility, positioning, and transfers under the supervision of nursing staff 6. Performs assigned procedures (such as catheter insertion) for which the Technician has training, knowledge, and skills and has received competency verification	Not Specified
EDUCATION	Completion of a State-approved training program for Certified Nursing Assistants (CNA)	Not Specified
TRAINING	Completion of the following: 1. IS-100: Introduction to the Incident Command System, ICS-100 2. IS-200: Basic Incident Command System for Initial Response, ICS-200 3. IS-700: National Incident Management System, An Introduction 4. IS-800: National Response Framework, An Introduction 5. Training in accordance with Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) 29 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 1910.120: Hazardous Materials Awareness 6. Training in accordance with OSHA 29 CFR Part 1910.134: Respiratory Protection 7. Training in accordance with OSHA 29 CFR Part 1910.1030: Bloodborne Pathogens	Not Specified
EXPERIENCE	Two years of clinical experience in a practice setting such as a hospital, health system, agency, or service commensurate with the mission assignment	Not Specified



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COMPONENT	SINGLE TYPE	NOTES
PHYSICAL/MEDICAL FITNESS	Moderate Maintains immunizations in accordance with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Centers for Disease Control's immunization recommendations for emergency responders Is able to work while wearing appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE)	The NIMS Guideline for the National Qualification System (NQS) defines Physical/Medical Fitness levels for NIMS positions. PPE is mission-specific and may vary by working environment, including protective footwear, protective clothing for skin exposures, eye and hearing protection, respirators, gloves, and masks.
CURRENCY	Functions in this position in a disaster incident response, planned event, operations based exercise, drill, or simulation at least once every three years Immunizations up-to-date and commensurate with mission assignment Background checks as applicable law permits or requires	Provider must carry out and use any background checks as applicable law specifies. This may include a background check completed within past 12 months; sexoffender registry check; and a local, state, and a local, state, and national criminal history.
PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL LICENSES AND CERTIFICATIONS	State, the District of Columbia, or US territory-granted active status of legal authority to function as a CNA or Patient Care Technician without restrictions	Not Specified



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NOTES

Nationally typed resources represent the minimum criteria for the associated category.

REFERENCES

- 1. FEMA, NIMS 508: Emergency Care Task Force
- 2. FEMA, National Incident Management System (NIMS), October 2017
- 3. FEMA, NIMS Guideline for the National Qualification System (NQS), November 2017
- 4. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Immunization Recommendations for Disaster Responders
- 5. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) 29 Code of Federal Regulation (CFR) Part 1910.120: Hazardous Materials Awareness, latest edition adopted
- 6. OSHA 29 CFR Part 1910.134: Respiratory Protection, latest edition adopted
- 7. OSHA 29 CFR Part 1910.1030: Bloodborne Pathogens, latest edition adopted